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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Sir:

The accompanying Amendment and Remarks are presented in response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory response period set to expire January 16, 2007. Applicants respectfully request introduction of the amendments to the claims and consideration of the remarks below.